



## Clark County, Washington **Endangered Species Act** Information

### What are the state and federal governments doing?

**W**e're all responsible for the decline in salmon habitat. The finger's not pointing at anyone in particular – it's pointing at all of us. Restoring salmon habitat is a complex process that's going to involve just about everyone in Clark County. Local governments need to assess existing programs and implement new ones to improve fish habitat. Fishers, farmers, foresters, developers, and other businesses need to adapt their practices to become more fish-friendly. Citizens need to change personal habits such as how they use pesticides, water their lawns, or wash their cars.

So what about the state and federal governments? They're addressing other areas of fish recovery, including:

- *Enforcing the ban on high seas drift nets.*
- *Implementing the U.S./Canada treaty to limit Canadian take of U.S. fish and vice versa.*
- *Implementing the Forest and Fish Report affecting forestry in private lands throughout Washington in such areas as how sediments are controlled, how roads are constructed, and ensuring adequate buffers along streams.*
- *Mass marking hatchery fish to support more selective fisheries.*

- *Implementing gear restrictions for commercial fishing such as larger mesh sizes to catch the bigger fish, letting smaller steelhead slip through.*
- *Implementing the Conservation Reserve Enhancement program to provide lease payments and cost sharing dollars to farmers in priority riparian areas.*
- *Revising the state stormwater management technical manual to make it more consistent with salmon recovery.*
- *Increasing state and federal funding for habitat projects*
- *Collaborating with local governments to prepare local salmon recovery plans.*

For information about salmon recovery in Clark County, contact the Clark County Endangered Species Program at (360)397-2022 or [www.saveoursalmon.com](http://www.saveoursalmon.com).



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